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SUBJ: PRICE INCREASES OF U.S. CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY GOJ COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AMMAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. COMMITTEE RECENTLY SELECTED LOCAL CONTRACTOR FOR FIRST PHASE OF PROJECT. CONTRACTOR NOW CLAIMS HIS COSTS HAVE RISEN BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES OF U.S. CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TO BE USED ON PROJECT. LETTER FROM J.W. BARTHOLOW MACHINERY CO. OF DALLAS TO CONTRACTOR SHOWS ACROSS THE BOARD PRICE INCREASES OF 23 PERCENT BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 16 AND OCTOBER 28. MAIN ITEMS ARE CRUSHING PLANT, BASE PLANT AND ASPHALT PLANT WITH SCALES MADE BY IOWA MANUFACTURING CO., CEDAR RAPIDS.

2. BASED ON OTHER INVOICES FROM CMI CORPORATION OF OKLAHOMA CITY, PRICES INCREASED AROUND 33 PERCENT BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 11 AND NOVEMBER 1. CMI EQUIPMENT INCLUDES TWO MODEL TS-500 DUAL LANE SUPER AUTOGRADE AND ONE 7.5 METER SLIPFORM PAVER CONVERSION KIT. PRICE INCREASES ON EQUIPMENT FROM THESE U.S. SUPPLIERS TOTAL AROUND \$800,000.

3. IN ORDER TO MAKE DECISION ON CONTRACTOR'S CLAIM FOR REIMBURSEMENT, GOJ HAS ASKED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING WHETHER SUCH PRICE INCREASES TOOK PLACE RECENTLY. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMERCE'S ASSISTANCE MEETING GOJ REQUEST ASAP, AS FINAL DECISION ON CONTRACT AWAITS PRICE INFO. PICKERING

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